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Please Set Out Yard Waste On Your Second Collection Day. *Please use mulching mowers to reduce yard waste.*

Baltimoreans are working hard to keep their yards and neighborhoods clean and green this spring. Many citizens use mulching lawn mowers and just leave the cut grass in place to nourish the lawn. This eliminates tons of grass from entering the waste stream. Some citizens compost yard waste. If done properly, without food materials in the pile, this will also benefit the environment and reduce waste.

Many citizens dispose of grass, leaves, and branches by putting these out with their regular trash immediately following the weekend. The result of this is that on the first trash collection day of the week (Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday), city crews collect considerably more material than they pick up on the second collection day (Thursday, Friday or Saturday). This is inefficient and slows down the collection times.

To better serve our citizens and allow for the more efficient collection of both trash and yard waste, Baltimore City Public Works Director George L. Winfield today asked that yard waste be placed out with ***your regular trash on your 2nd trash collection day of the week*** (Thursday, Friday or Saturday).

DPW's Bureau of Solid Waste provides trash collection and recycling services to more than 230,000 city residences. Citizens are reminded that no more than four (4) 20-gallon containers of trash should be set out each time. For additional information or to find the location of sanitation drop off yards, citizens should consult the DPW Calendar or call 311.



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